BRITISH CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY LTD

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# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**HELD ON Tuesday 28th September 2021**

**AT 7pm ON ZOOM TELECONFERNCING**

**Present:-** Anne Harries (AH) - Chair, Gill Evans (GE), Rebecca Bond (RB), Cherry Caddy (CC), Sue Gillingham (SG), Katy Seedhouse (KS), Lauren Stokeld (LS), Kerry Wainwright (KW), Kate Walters (KateW), Anne Ward (AW), Julia Woods (JW)

Andrew Morrey (AM) - (President)

**Apologies for absence** had been received from

Debbie Nickson, Kate Walters

**Under Matters Arising from the Minutes**

* **Opening of third bank account – complaint.**

GT has emailed the NatWest Complaints Department again (27/09/21) asking for an urgent response. No reply has been received as yet. .

It was proposed by AH that the Finance Committee meet to discuss the amount in the current account and also report the Natwest to the banking ombudsman.

* **Filly Inspection Expenses**

After a confidential matter had been discussed, it was agreed that there needs to be a Society Policy for the payment of expenses. KS agreed to look into this.

Filly and Colt Inspectors Claim Forms to be changed to reflect no accommodation is to be claimed.

**Under Finance Committee Matters**

* **New website - LS to report**

LS advised this is progressing and that Margaret Hargreaves of Grassroots is having a meeting with Trigger to discuss how the website can access the Grassroots database.

Calendar – this is being finalised and will be colour coded and include a lot of information and include various filters, eg, select various regions. Categories can include:-

BCPS Events

Regions Events

Inspections

AGM etc

Educational Events

Breed Promotion

New pages will be able to be added late, for eg, Junior News page.

The release of the website can be done in phases. It was agreed the basic website is to be ready by 1st January 2022.

HW Page – this will be re-written by SG.

Breed Show – RB will look at this.

PAS – JW will look at this.

Breeding Stats page – GT will send LS this.

Member Login – all except Performance.

* **Membership Cards - details of printer attached**

Quote from Lesar had been circulated. The ribbon costs £45.90 and black ribbons will print 1200 single sided cards per ribbon, colour ribbons will print 250 single sided cards. The total cost will be £939.83 and this includes a £199.90 discount. This machine can do both bulk printing of cards and single ones which come in throughout the year. After discussion, it was proposed by AH and seconded by KW and unanimously agreed this should be purchased.

* **Fund Raising - 200 Club and Auction of Stallion Nominations**

After discussion it was felt that the stallion nomination auction would be very complicated and needed looking into more.

200 Club – AH feels that this is now outdated. GE proposed and SG seconded, and all agreed, this would end on 31st December 2021.

* **Newsletter printing costs**

Warwick Printers have quoted £83 for 200, 12 page, Newsletter plus postage costs. AH explained that the consumables for the Office printer was extremely expensive as it was necessary to use only HP toners. It is therefore more economical to have them printed.

LS suggested making the newsletter email available only and after discussion it was agreed to put this decision in the Chairman's AGM message. Members could apply to have a printed newsletter.

* **Member benefits inc Connemara Chronicle**

AH advised that the quote has been received by Orphans to print 800 Chronicles for £6992. We currently have 665 members. It was agreed by all to accept the quote and order 800. After discussion it was agreed to be able to sell the Chronicle straight away but for an increased price of £15. It was agreed it should be announced that there would only a certain amount available for sale and that a minimum of 50 be retained for members that joined during the year.

Advertising costs will not be increased. CC will find out how many copies overseas purchasers are intending to buy before the final order is placed.

KW suggested that those members who had received Affiliation Rosettes could be invited to a Final at the Breed Show. A card would need to be attached to each rosette with details on it. AW advised that these rosettes were sent out to about 20 shows normally. RB advised that this could be added to the Schedule. It was agreed that this be referred to the Show Committee for inclusion in the schedule.

* **Cost of Xero**

Increase of £2.month but we still get the 25% charity discount.

Office to be closed 25th – 29th October, at Ros Stokeld’s suggestion, whilst we change the accounts over to Xero from Grassroots.

* **AGM arrangements inc Peter Ward Cup/Glass Bowl**

Peter Ward Cup – Carolyn Day

Glass Bowl – Keith Twyman

Points Trophies and rosettes – RB has worked out the points. It was agreed where the trophies are shared on points the two winners get rosettes but no reserve trophy winner rosette is awarded.

The details of the booking at The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel. Stratford on Avon were discussed.

**Under Registration Matters**

* **Colt Inspections 2022**

It was agreed that this should be discussed when we knew the whereabouts of the colts.

* **Filly Inspections guidelines, applications for private inspections, Vale View credit £147.00 & seminar Filly Inspectors.**

It was agreed that the Registrations Committee look into the filly inspection guidelines. A seminar for filly inspectors to be organised in 2022.

Credit at Vale View of £147. AH suggests we offer it to the Midlands Region for one of their events.

* **Part Bred rules - attached with possible amendments**

After discussion it was agreed that Rule 3 be deleted.

Overstamping passports of part bred ponies – currently the Society accepts pedigree printed in original passport whereas part bred foals require DNA testing. It was agreed that this remain as it is.

It was also agreed to add to registration forms that it is advised a HW test be undertaken for part bred foals.

It was proposed by GE and seconded by JW that the above be adopted.

**Under Shows Committee Matters - Minutes previously circulated**

It was proposed by GE and seconded by AW these were a true record**.**

* **2022 Show dates Breed Show & Northern Show**

The Breed Show will be at Moreton Morrell on 15/16th July 2022

The Northern Show will at Warren Farm on 6th July 2022

* **Judges - Breed Show**

GE advised all the Judges decided at the Show Committee Meeting have accepted with the exception of Debbie Spears who has a previous commitment.

Janet James has suggested Rachel Bown as a replacement for Debbie Spears in the WHP classes.

AH has asked Mary Low to judge the Supreme and is awaiting a reply.

* **Purchase of Gazebo**

Two quotes had been previously circulated. It was agreed to purchase the gazebo from Surf & Turf.

* **Eventing Championships – Report & lame pony competing - SG's email attached**
* AH and SG had attended the Eventing Championship and it was an excellent occasion which was very well run. There was some discussion about a lame pony competing but it was agreed that there was nothing to be done as the dressage judge had not eliminated it.
* **Performance Day – plans**

The Performance Day will be held at Blackwater Farm, Great Witchingham, Norfolk on 10th October 2021.

25 booked for dinner the night before.

* **Showing Rules amendment**

It was agreed at the Prob Judges Meeting that the rules be amended to state colts to be shown in a suitable bridle and bitted from the age of 2 years. It was proposed by KW and seconded by AW and all agreed.

**Under Probationary Judges Committee Minutes**

AW advised that the rules had been changed to have an A list and a B list.

The A list will include the WHP Panel.

Pam Clingan is on the probationary judges list and has been asked to probation at three shows.

Jane Etheridge has resigned from the judges panel.

**Under Regional Representatives - Confirmation and Appointments**

Gill Evans has produced an up to date list of Regions and Reps contact details and the Reps have agreed that the information they have given may be printed in the Chronicle and displayed on the website.

**Under O'Malley Award Nominations and Presentation**

AH advised that Blanche Miller will be given her award at the AGM. AH is getting a glass vase engraved at the request of the ICCPS Chairman. There are four nominations for the 2021 award from Canada, Sweden, Finland and Belgium. AH suggested that the vote from the BCPS should go to Jocelyn Garneau Davis from Canada who had been nominated by Sweden.

All agreed this vote be made.

**Under Ideas/Date for an Education Day of some sort in 2022**

LS suggested an online training session. All agreed this was a good idea.

Hoof Wall and conformation/skeletal seminars were suggested.

RB advised that Horses Inside Out are very good on Zoom.

February/March next year was suggested.

**Under AOB**

AH advised that there will be a Newsletter going out shortly with more information about the AGM, especially the hotel room booking.

News from the Regions needs to received very soon.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm